



## **UWEC UNDERGRADUATE RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM COLLABORATIVE NURSING PROGRAM | BSN@HOME PROGRAM**

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate and the master's levels. We offer various options, including a Collaborative Nursing Program for practicing registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma in nursing who wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. An RN/BSN/MSN option also is available to facilitate the progression of qualified students, enrolled in the Collaborative Nursing Program, into the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at UW-Eau Claire.

### **COLLABORATIVE NURSING (BSN@Home) PROGRAM**

The Collaborative Nursing Program (CNP), also referred to as the BSN@Home Program, is a joint effort of the five nursing programs in the University of Wisconsin System (UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, and UW-Oshkosh). Students participating in the program select one of the five universities as their "home" institution and must complete the degree requirements of their home institution. Core nursing courses of the CNP are offered online by the nursing programs. Additionally, some of these courses are offered face-to-face at UW-Eau Claire and at our distance education site at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI.

### **THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE**

- UW-Eau Claire is the only public university in northwestern and northcentral Wisconsin that offers a baccalaureate nursing degree.
- The UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences nursing baccalaureate and master's programs are fully accredited by the

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the State Board of Nursing.

- The BSN program prepares you for study in graduate nursing programs.
- At UW-Eau Claire, you can obtain a graduate degree in nursing and receive advanced role preparation as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, or nurse educator. The RN/BSN/MSN Option facilitates the progression of qualified students enrolled in the Collaborative Nursing Program into the master's program at UW-Eau Claire.
- We have a satellite site at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI. Some of the core nursing courses in the CNP are offered face-to-face on a rotating basis at the Marshfield Site, based on enrollment. Courses

#### **UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE**

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,500
- Undergraduates: 10,063
- Graduate students: 503
- International students: 124
- Multicultural students: 485
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24+
- Average high school rank: 77%
- Average class size: 28
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 224
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

are taught by UW-Eau Claire faculty, located in Eau Claire and in Marshfield, via live interactive distance education technologies. Persons interested in learning more about the Marshfield Site should contact Dr. Robin Beeman, Assistant Dean- Marshfield Site (715-387-7272).

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The BSN is a comprehensive degree (no minor is required) consisting of 120 credits. The degree encompasses two academic components:

- 1. General education, university, and other non-nursing course requirements for a bachelor's degree, which are specific to the home institution.
- 2. The comprehensive nursing major, which includes both credit for prior learning and CNP courses offered collaboratively by the five nursing programs.

Students who declare UW-Eau Claire as their home institution should fulfill the following non-nursing course requirements:

- English Composition (4-6 credits)
- Wellness Theory (1 credit)
- Physical Activity (1 credit)
- Cultural Diversity\* (3 credits)
- Foreign Language/Foreign Culture\*
- General Education (GE) (39 credits)
  - Communications (language or communications skills; statistics)
  - Natural Sciences (general chemistry; general anatomy & physiology I; biochemistry; & microbiology)\*\*
  - Social Sciences (including Human Development)
  - Humanities

- Non-GE Science: Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology II\*\*
- Electives to total 120 credits for the degree

NOTE: \* Cultural diversity and foreign culture courses may also be General Education courses. \*\*Credit by exam is available for microbiology and anatomy and physiology.

The non-nursing course requirements can be met through:

- Course enrollment at UW-Eau Claire
- Transfer from an accredited college or university\*
- Independent study through an accredited college or university, e.g., UW-Extension
- Credit by examination (e.g., CLEP, ACT-PEP, teacher-made)

NOTE: \*RNs who graduated from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) in 1989 or later may transfer up to 15 credits in general education. RNs who graduated from the WTCS in 1996 or later may transfer up to 30 credits in general education and natural sciences.

The comprehensive major in nursing consists of 60 credits. Of these, 30 credits are awarded for prior learning upon completion of CND 310 (grade of B or above). The remaining 30 credits are earned through the following upper division core nursing courses, which originate from one of the five participating universities:

- CND 310 Foundations of Professional Nursing (2 credits)
- CND 317 Health Assessment\* (4 credits)
- CND 341 Theoretical Foundations\* (4 credits)
- CND 434 Nursing Research\* (3 credits)
- CND 437 Management & Leadership\* (4 credits)
- CND 444 Community Health Nursing\* (3 credits)
- Nursing Electives (6 credits)
- CND 480 Nursing within Systems: Analysis & Application (4 credits)

NOTE: \*Five core nursing courses (18 credits) and nursing electives (6 credits) are offered online and face-to-face on a rotating basis at UW-Eau Claire and at the Marshfield Site, our distance education site at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI (via live interactive video, based on enrollment).

- The online courses require computer internet access.
- Students are expected to attend class at UW-Eau Claire or at our Marshfield Site (via ITV, based on enrollment) for part of CND 310 and CND 480 (the capstone, final semester course). The clinical component of the capstone course can usually be arranged near the student's place of residence and meets the UWEC Service Learning requirement.
- All students must have a Wisconsin RN license prior to registration for CND 310.

### **CNP ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Formal application to the Collaborative Nursing Program must be made in the semester prior to enrolling in nursing courses. (Students may apply while in the final semester of their technical college program.) To be considered for admission to the CNP at UW-Eau Claire, students must have:

- Graduated from a nationally accredited (e.g., NLN) nursing program.
- A current Wisconsin RN license.
- Been admitted to UW-Eau Claire.
- Completed at least 30 credits of transferable general education courses with a total grade-point average of at least a 2.50.
- Completed at least three of the five required science courses, with a grade-point average of at least 2.50.
- Submitted and completed all application materials (admission sheet, demographic form, health form, background check, application fee, official transcript

from associate degree or diploma program, evidence of Wisconsin RN licensure).

NOTE: Official transcripts from all educational institutions attended, including High School, are needed.

### **RNIBSNIMSN OPTION**

- The RN/BSN/MSN Option is a program that facilitates the progression of qualified Registered Nurse students, enrolled in the Collaborative Nursing Program, into the Masters Program in Nursing at UW-Eau Claire.
- This is accomplished by enrolling, as a senior undergraduate student, in selected graduate courses (i.e., NRSG 701 Nursing Research: Methods; and NRSG 715 Leadership in Nursing). The graduate courses serve as confirming courses for up to 9 credits in the undergraduate CNP curriculum.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the Collaborative Nursing Program at UW-Eau Claire, contact:

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